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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Flathead Area Development Study Project will be launched at Big Mountain, Chalet, Whitefish, July 16, and will continue for five weeks, according to Dr. Harold Tascher, professor of social welfare at Montana State University and project coordinator.

The project is a pilot effort to discover the educational value of area development studies in the field, Dr. Tascher said. The course will use the Flathead Valley as a laboratory to give participants a better understanding of area conditions, needs and services. Ray Siderius, Kalispell, representing the Flathead Teachers Corp., is project manager.

Enrollees will tour the entire area, following an itinerary which will utilize local projects and programs, resource people, seminars and interpretive activities, the coordinator said.

Big Mountain Chalet will be the group's home base for the first and last weeks. For two weeks the group will work out of Kalispell, and for one full week, out of Spotted Bear on the South Fork of the Flathead, adjacent to the Bob Marshall Wilderness. A full program of outdoor activities will be offered.

Persons wishing to take part in all or part of the program may register at Big Mountain July 16, Dr. Tascher said. The course will carry eight quarter-hours of graduate or undergraduate credit for students enrolled for five weeks. Lesser credit is offered for those who participate in only part of the program. The five-week fee will be reduced for those not taking part in the full five-week program.

Dr. Tascher noted that the study project is an outgrowth of the 1958 Regional Study administered by MSU in conjunction with the National Education Association.

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